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RESPONSE TO COMBINED RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Combined Restriction and Election Requirement mailed May 4, 2004. The Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Group I. Claims 1-12 and 24-31, as being drawn to a device for supporting a body organ, classified in class 600, subclass 208.

Group II. Claims 13-23 and 32-37, as being drawn to a method of supporting a heart, classified in class 600, subclass 201.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, without traverse.

The Examiner further stated that in the event Applicant elects group I, Applicant must further elect a subspecies under each of the following categories:

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Subgroup I, collar structure:

- a. FIGS. 6-9.
- b. FIG. 12.
- c. FIG. 13.

Subgroup II, key attachment to shaft:

- d. Integral with shaft
- e. Coupling mechanism.

Applicant hereby elects under subgroup I (collar structure), category (a) without traverse.  
Applicant also hereby elects under subgroup II (key attachment to shaft), category (d) without traverse.

The following claims read upon the elected group and subgroups: claims 1-11, 24-27, 30-31.

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